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Note: Following is an exact translation of a Torepredative list of 19 February 1948 which gives the total charges to be collected on corbain foci items to be mailed or taken into the USSR. It will be noted that the list was established in April 1936. The fact that the charges have been converted to Chinese National Currency would seem to indicate that they are collected in advance. An Inturist advertisement appearing in the 6 Merch issue of the Shanghai Novesti Days indicates that:

a) the weight of the parcels may not exceed Al pounds / an increase over the

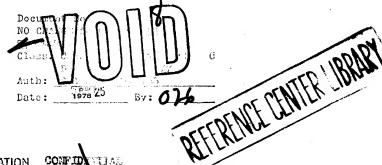
previous meight allowance of 10 pounds/;
b) the value of items may not exceed GEC \$3,300,000/US \$9.00 at the black market exchange of the day, US \$21.00 at the official rate at the time of the advertisement, or US \$15.00 at the present official rate/;
c) reveals are accorded daily until to a recorded da

c) parcels are accepted daily until 4 p.m. except on days when a Soviet ship is in port.

There is no mention in the advertisement of further charges to be collected. Russian emigres who have been questioned regarding the cost of shipping food parcels have stated that the cost of sending most of the articles listed on the following pages is prohibitive. In a January ignue of the New York <u>Russkove Slove</u> [Aussian-language Communist newspaper] there are aix advertisements regarding the shipment of food parches to the USSR. Prices quoted include "all tharges" but do not indicate further charges to be collected from the recipient, nor do they emmerate charges similar to those on the following list.)

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#### List M

of items permitted to enter USSR through licensed mail or carried by hand:

1.00 Soviet rubic equivalent to US\$ 0.19

item#	description of item	Total surcharge in rubles per kilogram as of 1 April 1936	Price in CNC as of 15 Feb., 1948. Exchange rate: US\$ 1.00 equals CNC 151,428.57
1,	2 :	3	. 4
1.	Sugar, refined	0.65	18,570.
2.	sugar, gramlated	0.50	¥1,300.
3.	tea	10.00	285,700.
4.	coffee, ground, roasted	6.00	171,430.
5.	flour, mixed variety	0.55	15,710
6.	flour, rye	0.35	10,000.
7.	buckwheat	0.50	14,300.
8,	rice	0.90	25,730.
9.,	barley, pearl	0.35	10,000.
10.	semoline	0.70	20,000.
u.	butter, fresh	2.30	65,730
12.	choose, mixed variety	2,80	80,000
<b>13.</b>	lard, tallow, meltod lard	3,00	85,710.
14.	eaucare, mixed smoked meets, meat fresh	3.50	100,000.
15.	bacon, smoked	2,20	62,860,
16.	scap, household	0.65	18,570.
17.	macaroni, noodles vermicelli	0.50	14,300.
18.	COCUA	8.00	228,570。

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item			Price in GNC as of 15 Feb., 1948. Exchange rate: USG 1.00 equals CNC 151,428.57
1.	yes is the fact for the control of the control	aga gay mer mer tau mega kan mer den en dek. Pen t er t	4,
19.	fruits, berries, fresh, not camed	50% of value	
20,	fruits, terries, dried or preserved	75% of value	
27	spices	100% of value	
22.	chocolate and candy	5,00	171,430,
.23.	"Nestle" ponder	8,00	223,570.
24.	tobacce, cut and tobacco products	60% of value	
25,	milk, condensed	2,00	57,140.
<b>%</b> ,	products, dairy, vacuum products	2,.80	80,000,
<b>₹7</b> .	products, other than above montioned, not vacuum packed	4,00	1.14,290.
<b>ಚ</b> .	products, various/than above mentioned, vacuum packed	4,00	114,290.
29 .	meat products, cannod	3.20	91,430.
30。	soap, toilet	17,50	500 a000 a
	In case licenses (	aport) are issued to p	passengers the are car ging
	these items by hand, ourcharg	ges shall be collected	in accordance with lists #1
	and #2 according to type of :	esselmedise with an add	litional charge:

products (commodities)	1,30	37,430.
industrial goods	10% of value	
Inturist commission	110	31,430.
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USSR Trade representative in China

signed:

D. Shcherbina